



North Region Coastal District

Department of Conservation and Recreation

FEBRUARY 2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

All Programs are free and open to the public and are designed for adults and children ages 8 and older. An adult must accompany children. Birding programs are suitable for both beginners and experts. In most cases these programs will be facilitated by a DCR Park Interpreter. Please dress warmly; wear layers of clothing and sturdy, warm hiking boots or shoes, as well as a hat and gloves. **For possible changes or cancellations to these programs please phone 978-937-2094 ext. 121 (changes may be made up to 1 hour before the start of a program). Rain and Heavy Snowfall Cancels.** For more information call (781) 485-2804 Ext. 105 or email Matthew.Nash@state.ma.us For a listing of programs at other DCR state parks please visit www.mass.gov/DCR. Co-sponsored by the Friends of Belle Isle Marsh.

Saturday February 11 Winged Wonders 10:00 a.m. (Stay as long as you want 1 to 2 hrs.)
Winthrop Shores Reservation

Come explore the beautiful water birds of the Winthrop Shores. Scoters, loons, mergansers, grebes and eiders spend their winters on our shores. Some binoculars and a spotting scope will be provided but please bring these items if you are able to. **Meet at:** Winthrop Beach on Winthrop Shore Drive across from Sturgis Street and 62 Winthrop Shore Drive, Winthrop, MA. Accessible by Public Transportation: Paul Revere Transportation bus 712 or 713 Point Shirley-Orient Heights, arrive at the Winthrop Beach stop then walk down Sturgis Street, Winthrop MA (If traveling from outside Winthrop, board the bus at the MBTA Orient Heights station on the blue line). Visit www.MBTA.com for bus and train information (schedule, route and fees).

Sunday February 19 Winter Birding 8:00 a.m-10:00 a.m.
Halibut Point State Park

Halibut Point State Park along the Atlantic migratory path, is an excellent locale for winter birding. Harlequins, scoters, eiders, grebes, mergansers, loons, gannets and many more spend their winters on our shores. There is also a good possibility of seeing harbor seals. Please bring your binoculars and if you are able to, a spotting scope to share. For more information, contact Peter Van Demark at peter@caliper.com. **Meet at:** Halibut Point State Park, Parking lot, on Gott avenue in Rockport. Daily Parking Fee: \$5 MA Vehicle, \$6 non-MA Vehicle which may be waived, please visit <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/passess-and-fees/> Co-sponsored by the Brookline Bird Club.

Tuesday February 21 Winter Wildlife Detectives 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Belle Isle Marsh Reservation

Can you imagine living outside through the entire winter like the coyotes do at Belle Isle Marsh in East Boston? Join us as we explore the trails of the Marsh searching for signs of the many wild creatures that are active during the winter. Learn how animals are adapted to survive outside during the chilly and challenging winter season and how you can become a protector of local wildlife. **Meet at:** Main Parking lot near the bulletin board, located on Bennington Street, East Boston between address 173 Bennington St., Revere and 1236 Bennington St. East Boston. Accessible by public transportation: MBTA Blue line, Suffolk Downs Station, turn left onto Bennington Street and walk to the park entrance on the right. Visit www.MBTA.com

Wednesday Winged Wonders 9:00 a.m. (Stay as long as you want 1 to 2 hrs.)

February 22 Winthrop Shores Reservation

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Wednesday Winter Beach Safari 1:00 p.m-2:00 p.m.

February 22 Revere Beach Reservation

Did you know that razor clams can rapidly burrow deeper into the sand when disturbed by predators? Join us to learn about the fascinating lives of animals of the seashore and to discover the new treasures of animal shells that have washed up on the beach. **Meet at:** One Eliot Circle, Revere MA (The tan DCR building at the corner of Dolphin Avenue). Accessible by Public Transportation: MBTA Blue line Revere Beach Station, turn right on Revere Beach Boulevard and walk to Eliot Circle, Revere, MA; Visit www.MBTA.com.

Thursday Winter Beach Safari 1:00 p.m-2:00 p.m.

February 23 Nahant Beach Reservation

Did you know that the moon snail uses its radula (a tongue-like rasping organ) to bore a small hole in a clam shell and then sucks out the flesh of its victim?

Join us to learn about the fascinating lives of animals of the seashore and to discover the new treasures of animal shells that have washed up on the beach.

Meet at: The James J. Ward Bath House ocean side near the outdoor showers located on the Don John Aliferis Memorial Rotary aka Lynnway Rotary, Lynn MA. For a map with parking locations and information about parking fees visit www.mass.gov/dcr . Please note that the entrance to the parking lot along Nahant Beach is at the South end of the beach. If you are considering traveling by MBTA, please contact Park Interpreter Matthew Nash in advance for more detailed travel advice at email Matthew.Nash@state.ma.us or 781-485-2804 ext 105